

VI. Abstract

An internal tube gripping device having first and second gripping arms including elongated sections with a central axis and gripping ends attached thereto and angled sections extending non-parallel to the central axis and including connecting ends attached thereto.

- 5 Pivotaly attached to the first and second gripping arms are separately formed first and second link members each having first and second ends. At least one tensioning member is connected to the second ends of the first and second link members.